



Get Ready. Set. Go!! We're "Touring the U.S.A.!"

Paton is proud to announce it's school-wide reading program for this year, titled "**Touring the U.S.A.**" This fun and easy program will have your children embarking on a literary "journey" through 9 regions of the United States.

Children can choose grade-level books from all genres of literature as long as they are set somewhere in the United States. It's that easy! Books can be read at home or at school. They can also be read by a parent to their children. Many books are available at Paton, as well as at the Shrewsbury Public Library. The Paton web site will soon have a list of some possible books from different regions.

Children will have a "reading log" which they may bring home to record their completed books according to region of the country. This log will be due back to school once a week, on the day specified on the cover. Your child will also have a special "passport" here at school that will get a state stamp as they finish a book. We will also keep track of our reading journey on a large U.S. map hanging in the school. The children will feel like seasoned travelers in no time! So remember, almost any type of book your child chooses to read will have a setting...and if it's in the U.S., it counts for "Touring the U.S.A."

The program will run from November thru March. Small prizes will be awarded as children read books from each region, and we will celebrate at the end of the program with a special Paton Pride meeting!

One parent volunteer will be needed from each classroom to help once a week with Touring the U.S.A. This would take about _ hour a week, on a day

and time you choose. Please consider helping us out with this fun and exciting program. Talk to your child's teacher if you are interested, or sign up at curriculum night. In this time of budget cuts, we couldn't offer this fantastic reading program without your help!

Andrea Collins
Parent Volunteer